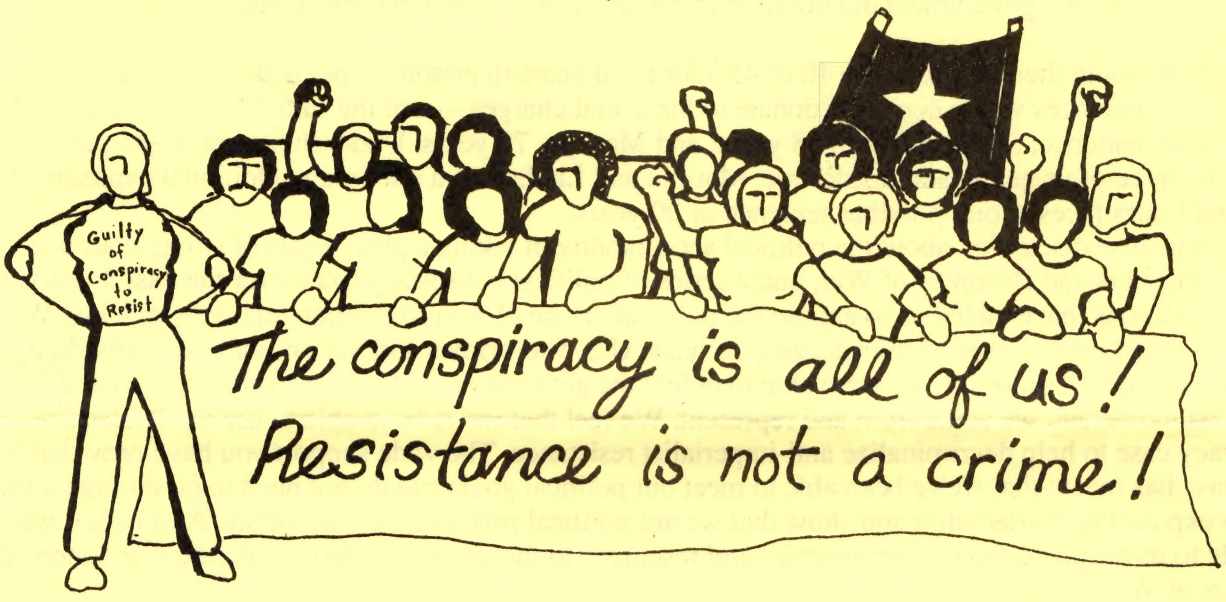
Support the Resistance Conspiracy Six!

COME TO COURT!

Friday, September 7th
9:45 am at the U.S. District Court
3rd and Constitution Ave., NW
Courtroom No. 10 (Judge Harold Greene)



To help win the early release of Alan Berkman who is suffering from cancer, the Resistance Conspiracy Case political prisoners have negotiated a settlement in the case.

Under the terms of the agreement, on September 7th Laura Whitehorn, Linda Evans and Marilyn Buck will plead guilty to conspiracy "to influence, change and protest policies and practices of the United States government concerning various international and domestic matters" and the bombing of the U.S. Capitol after the U.S. invasion of Grenada.

In return the remaining three bombing charges will be dropped; all charges against Alan Berkman, Susan Rosenberg and Tim Blunk will be dismissed.

Come to the court to show our solidarity with our comrades and to show that the conspiracy is all of us.

Resistance is not a crime!

We demand immediate release for Alan Berkman!!

For more information and to get your "conspiracy" T-shirt, a solidarity T-shirt with the RCC political prisoners (see graphic above), contact the Washington Area Committee for Political Prisoners Rights, P.O. Box 28191, Washington, DC 20038, (202) 328-7818.

Resistance Conspiracy Case Approaches Resolution

The defendants in the Resistance Conspiracy case have reached a plea agreement with the U.S. government. All charges will be dismissed against Alan, Tim and Susan, who had already been convicted of conspiracy in earlier trials and could therefore argue that this case would constitute double jeopardy. Marilyn, Linda and Laura will plead guilty to conspiracy and the Capitol bombing. Laura will also plead guilty to one of the five counts in her outstanding Baltimore indictment.

Our motivation for entering into negotiation was Alan's recurrence of cancer — we felt it was the only way to ensure that he would not be subjected to the stress of a trial and the possibility of a longer sentence. With the Resistance Conspiracy case charges dismissed, Alan has a much better chance of winning parole and getting out of prison to recuperate successfully from chemotherapy. Legally, our assessment was that convictions on all the charges were very likely because of the "common purpose" nature of the indictment. In order to convict us the government did not need to prove that any individual participated in any of the bombings.

Each of us would then be subject to 40 or 45 additional years in prison. In political cases, maximum sentences — sentences vastly disproportionate to the actual charges — are the rule. That's why Linda already has a 35 year sentence, Susan and Tim 58 years, and Marilyn, 70 years. Under the terms of the plea agreement, three of us get no additional time, Marilyn and Linda face a maximum additional exposure of 15 years, and Laura faces a total possible sentence of 20 years.

We had intense discussion about the political acceptability of taking a plea. Years of struggle around political prisoners and Prisoners of War, and a series of political conspiracy trials over the past 5 years created conditions that enabled us to expose the political nature of the prosecution relatively quickly. We always focussed on the issue of the necessity to resist U.S. war crimes and not on issues of individual innocence or guilt. As a result, we were able to defeat the government's efforts to criminalize us and the anti-imperialist movement we come from and represent. We feel that we've been able to use the Resistance Conspiracy case to help decriminalize anti-imperialist resistance. The wide support you have provided for us in this case has meant that we've been able to meet our political goals and do not need to go through a trial in order to expose this prosecution and show that we are political prisoners, not terrorists. As a result, we are now able to move on, to devote our energies and resources to the struggle to free all political prisoners and Prisoners of War.

We believe this political success gives us the basis to be legally flexible. We also believe that doing anything we can to save Alan's life is an expression of our revolutionary politics — a commitment to comradeship, to love, and to life. That others of us had the charges dismissed and that sentence exposure is limited for the other three is also important.

The Resistance Conspiracy case will be officially ended sometime in September or October, but all six of us will remain political prisoners. With the exception of Alan, who will "max out" in two years, all of us have or will have lengthy sentences. Alan will be undergoing chemotherapy for months and is still designated to return to U.S.P. Marion; Tim will definitely be sent back there. We assume that most or all of us women will be sent to the maximum security prison for women in Marianna, Florida.

We join the other political prisoners and Prisoners of War held by the U.S. government. We depend on the work and commitment of those of you on the outside to help us to resist the repressive conditions in which we will be held, the physical abuses to which we'll be subjected, and the continuing attacks on our political identities through isolation and "special security" measures. For all of us who are imprisoned for our political activities and beliefs, our chances of release depend on the strength of the movement to free all political prisoners and Prisoners of War. Through the concerted efforts of those of us inside the prisons and those of you on the outside, we believe that that movement can be built in the 1990's.

¡VENCEREMOS!

Alan Berkman
Linda Evans
Marilyn Buck
Susan Rosenberg
Tim Blunk
Laura Whitehorn